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For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR EVALUATING  
VIRAL RECEPTOR/CO-RECEPTOR USEAGE AND  
INHIBITORS OF VIRUS ENTRY USING RECOMBINANT  
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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2002 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This Communication is submitted in response to the September 25, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 25, 2002 Office Action is due October 25, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted pending claims 1-37 to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-33, drawn to a method of identifying compounds that inhibit viral entry; and
- II. Claims 34-37, drawn to a method of identifying viral resistance.